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September 18, 2020

Robert T. Ruth  
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Re: *United States v. Diorian Smith*  
Case No. 3:19-cr-130-wmc

Dear Attorney Ruth:

This is the proposed plea agreement between the defendant and the United States in this case.

1. The defendant agrees to waive indictment and plead guilty to the one-count information filed by the United States Attorney's Office. The information charges a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252(a)(4), which carries maximum penalties of ten years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, a mandatory minimum period of five-years supervised release and a maximum of supervised release for life, a \$100 special assessment, a \$5000 additional special assessment pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3014, and the entry of an appropriate restitution order. If the defendant has a prior conviction as described in 18 U.S.C. § 2252(b)(2), the penalties related to prison time increase to a mandatory minimum penalty of ten years in prison and a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison. In addition to these maximum penalties, any violation of a supervised release term could lead to an additional term of imprisonment pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3583. The defendant agrees to pay the special assessment at or before sentencing. The defendant understands that the Court will enter an order pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3013 requiring the immediate payment of the special assessment. In an appropriate case, the defendant could be held in contempt of court and receive an additional sentence for failing to pay the special assessment as ordered by the Court.

2. The defendant acknowledges, by pleading guilty, that he is giving up the following rights: (a) to plead not guilty and to persist in that plea; (b) to a jury trial; (c) to be represented by counsel--and if necessary have the Court appoint counsel--at trial and at every other stage of the trial proceedings; (d) to confront and cross-examine

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adverse witnesses; (e) to be protected from compelled self-incrimination; (f) to testify and present evidence; and (g) to compel the attendance of witnesses.

3. The defendant acknowledges, after consultation with his attorney, that he fully understands the extent of his rights to appeal the conviction and sentence in this case. By his signature below, the defendant knowingly and voluntarily waives all rights, including those conferred by 18 U.S.C. § 3742, to appeal his conviction and any sentence of imprisonment, including any issues with respect to the motion to suppress filed in this case, the calculation of the advisory sentencing guideline range, or the reasonableness of the sentence imposed.

4. The defendant understands that upon conviction, if he is not a United States citizen, he may be removed from the United States, denied citizenship, and denied future admission to the United States. The defendant nevertheless affirms that he wants to plead guilty regardless of any removal and immigration consequences that his plea may entail, even if the consequence is automatic removal from the United States.

5. The United States agrees that this guilty plea will completely resolve all possible federal criminal violations that have occurred in the Western District of Wisconsin provided that both of the following conditions are met: (a) the criminal conduct relates to the conduct described in the information; and (b) the criminal conduct was known to the United States as of the date of this plea agreement. This agreement not to prosecute is limited to those types of cases for which the United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Wisconsin has exclusive decision-making authority. The defendant also understands that the United States will make its full discovery file available to the Probation Office for its use in preparing the presentence report. The United States also agrees to move to dismiss the indictment at the time of sentencing.

6. The United States agrees to recommend that the Court, in computing the advisory Sentencing Guideline range, and in sentencing the defendant, give the defendant the maximum available reduction for acceptance of responsibility. This recommendation is based upon facts currently known to the United States and is contingent upon the defendant accepting responsibility according to the factors set forth in USSG § 3E1.1. Further, the United States' agreement to recommend a reduction for acceptance of responsibility is also based on the defendant providing a full and truthful accounting in the required financial statement. The United States is free to withdraw this recommendation if the defendant has previously engaged in any conduct which is unknown to the United States and is inconsistent with acceptance of responsibility, or if he engages in any conduct between the date of this plea agreement and the sentencing

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hearing which is inconsistent with acceptance of responsibility. This recommendation is contingent on the defendant signing this plea letter on or before September 18, 2020.

7. The defendant agrees to complete the enclosed financial statement and return it to this office within one week of the guilty plea hearing. The defendant agrees that this financial statement will be a full and truthful accounting, including all available supporting documentation. The defendant also authorizes the U.S. Attorney's Office to run the defendant's credit report. The defendant also agrees that the probation office may disclose to the United States the net worth and cash flow statements to be completed by the defendant in connection with the preparation of the presentence report, together with all supporting documents.

8. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11(c)(1)(C), and based on an individualized assessment of the defendant and the factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a), the parties agree that a 96 month sentence that runs concurrently to Smith's pending state charges is the appropriate disposition of this case. This sentencing recommendation binds the Court once the Court accepts the plea agreement. If the Court rejects the plea agreement and declines to impose a sentence of 96 months that runs concurrently to Smith's pending state charges, the defendant may withdraw his guilty plea.

9. The defendant agrees not to file a claim to any property in any civil, administrative or judicial proceeding, which has already been initiated or which may be initiated in the future including the forfeiture of his Samsung Galaxy J3 cellular phone, MEID No. 089568999201312050, which was seized by the Madison Police Department on November 18, 2019. Defendant agrees to waive all time limits and his right to notice of any forfeiture proceeding involving this property. Defendant further agrees not to file a claim or assist others in filing a claim or attempting to establish an interest in any forfeiture proceeding.

10. The defendant agrees that he is the sole owner of all the property listed above, and agrees to hold the United States, its agents, and employees harmless from any claims in connection with the seizure or forfeiture of property covered by this agreement.

11. The defendant agrees to consent to the order of forfeiture for the listed property and waives the requirement of Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure 32.2 and 43(a) regarding notice of the forfeiture in the charging instrument, announcement of the forfeiture at sentencing, and incorporation of the forfeiture in the judgment. Defendant acknowledges that he understands that the forfeiture of assets is part of the sentence that may be imposed in this case.

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12. The defendant knowingly and voluntarily waives his right to a jury trial on the forfeiture of assets. Defendant knowingly and voluntarily waives all constitutional, legal, and equitable defenses to the forfeiture of these assets in any proceeding. The defendant agrees to waive any jeopardy defense or claim of double jeopardy, whether constitutional or statutory, and agrees to waive any claim or defense under the Eighth Amendment to the United States Constitution, including any claim of excessive fine, to the forfeiture of assets by the United States, the State of Wisconsin, or its subdivisions.

13. The defendant agrees to take all steps requested by the United States to pass clear title to forfeitable assets to the United States, and to testify truthfully in any judicial forfeiture proceeding. Defendant acknowledges that all property covered by this agreement is subject to forfeiture as property facilitating illegal conduct.

14. In the event any federal, state, or local law enforcement agency having custody of the property decides not to pursue forfeiture of the property due to its minimal value, the defendant hereby abandons any interest he has in the property and consents to the destruction or any other disposition of the property by the federal, state, or local agency without further notice or obligation owing to the defendant.

15. If your understanding of our agreement conforms with mine as set out above, would you and the defendant please sign this letter and return it to me. The defendant acknowledges his understanding that the Court can choose to reject this plea agreement.

16. By your signatures below, you and the defendant also acknowledge that this is the only plea agreement in this case and replaced the plea agreement previously provided dated September 16, 2020.

Very truly yours,

SCOTT C. BLADER  
United States Attorney  
By:

\_\_\_\_9/18/2020\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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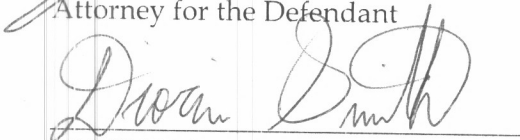


ROBERT T. RUTH

Attorney for the Defendant

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Date



DIORIAN SMITH

Defendant

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Enclosure